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Letter dated 28 September 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations and the joint letter of the President of the seventieth session of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988), I have the honour to transmit a letter from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Boyko Borissov, on the decision of the Government of Bulgaria to nominate Kristalina Georgieva as the sole and unique candidate of Bulgaria for the position of Secretary-General (see annex).

I would like to kindly request your assistance in having the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 121, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Georgi **Panayotov**
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Letter dated 28 September 2016 from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

In the light of the latest deliberations of the Security Council for the selection of the next Secretary-General, I would like to announce that the Government of Bulgaria has decided to reconsider its nomination for this position.

Therefore, and in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter of the United Nations and in response to the joint letter of the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council dated 15 December 2015 (A/70/623-S/2015/988), I have the honour to inform you of the decision of the Government of Bulgaria to nominate Kristalina Georgieva as its sole and unique candidate for the position of the next Secretary-General.

Bulgaria believes that the selection of a new Secretary-General will be aided by the nomination of Ms. Georgieva as a candidate for the post. This is based on her outstanding personal and professional qualifications. The Government of the Republic of Bulgaria is also mindful of the need to widen the choice of female candidates and to reinforce its region's prospects.

As her biography attests, Ms. Georgieva has demonstrated, in her years in the international arena, a remarkable set of leadership and professional skills. She has been at the heart of complex multilateral negotiations in which her own role has been instrumental in securing ambitious outcomes. She has shown herself to be an effective reformer in the different organizations for which she has worked, earning the support and loyalty of colleagues. Many will no doubt attest to the interest and excitement that her leadership has generated.

Ms. Georgieva has exhibited an informed and substantive grasp of the complex files that she has been tasked with over the years, from environment and climate change to development and humanitarian activities and management and corporate governance. She is known for achieving real progress through her collaborative approach and innovative thinking.

Her experience as the current Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission, in which she is responsible for negotiating and managing the European Union's budget, and her time as Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response make her uniquely qualified to deal with the challenges facing the United Nations.

Finally, Ms. Georgieva also brings a deep understanding of different global perspectives, having lived and worked, in addition to her home city of Sofia, in Brussels, Moscow and Washington, D.C. She has travelled extensively over many years to work towards achieving social and economic objectives with tangible benefits.

Ms. Georgieva's curriculum vitae is attached herewith for reference (see enclosure).

(*Signed*) Boyko **Borissov**

Enclosure

Curriculum vitae

Kristalina Georgieva

Kristalina Georgieva has extensive leadership and managerial experience from decades of policymaking and implementation at the global level, having held an impressive array of top posts in international bodies such as the World Bank and the European Commission.

She has been at the forefront of innovative action on humanitarian aid, poverty reduction, sustainable development, climate change and building resilient societies. An economist by training, she is known for her agile and analytical mind and determined collaborative approach. She has forged a powerful reputation as a modernizer, increasing organizational efficiency, reforming financing and focusing on performance.

Ms. Georgieva is currently the Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources of the European Commission, a post she has held since November 2014. In this role, she is responsible for securing and managing the European Union's €155 billion budget and for strengthening its focus on performance and results. She is credited with more than doubling the funding available to tackle the refugee crisis. Under her leadership, the Commission adopted a series of staff management reforms and has significantly increased the number of women in senior positions.

As Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response at the European Commission from 2009 to 2014, Ms. Georgieva oversaw the delivery of life-saving assistance to more than 500 million women, men and children affected all over the world by conflicts and natural disasters. She has been heavily involved in international efforts to respond to crises in the Sahel, Yemen and the Central African Republic and, through her presence in the field, has worked to draw attention to the plight of those who would otherwise be forgotten. During her mandate she successfully championed prevention and resilience-building, with a lasting policy and operational impact.

In May 2015, the Secretary-General appointed Ms. Georgieva to co-chair a high-level panel on humanitarian financing to look into ways to close the gap between the rising need for humanitarian aid and the resources available. The panel's recommendations have already resulted in important changes for more cost-effective and long-term funding in protracted crises.

Prior to joining the European Commission, Ms. Georgieva was Vice-President and Corporate Secretary at the World Bank from 2008 to 2010. She played a key role in the Bank's governance reforms and accompanying capital increase in the wake of the 2008 international financial crisis. During her 17 years at the Bank, she oversaw the design and implementation of key economic, environmental and social safety net programmes, working in more than 60 countries in Europe, Central Asia, East Asia and the Pacific. As Manager and later Director for Environment, she led the phasing-out of leaded gasoline in Central and Eastern Europe, the preparation of the Bank's first environmental strategy and the move of the World Bank Group

towards supporting green growth, carbon neutrality and the development of carbon markets. From 2004 to 2007, she was posted to Moscow as Country Director for the Russian Federation, with responsibility for a $2 billion project portfolio and the introduction of new financial instruments, such as lending without sovereign guarantees and fee-for-service.

Ms. Georgieva was born in 1953 and spent her early professional life as a university professor at the University of National and World Economy in Sofia. She graduated with an MA in Political Economy and Sociology and a PhD in Environmental Policy. She has lectured at numerous universities around the world, including Moscow State University, the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Tsinghua University in China, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, the London School of Economics, the University of the South Pacific in Fiji and the Australian National University. She has more than 100 academic papers and a microeconomics textbook to her name and has completed the Executive Development Programme at Harvard Business School.

Ms. Georgieva is an international member of the China Council for International Cooperation on Environment and Development and has served on the boards of the Institute for Sustainable Communities and the University of National and World Economy in Sofia. In 2016, the organization Devex named her as one of the five most influential women in global development.